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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

Claim 1 (original): A process for the production of a pressure-sensitive adhesive shaped product, the process comprising mixing, in the presence of a lower alcohol, a hydroxyl group- or carboxyl group-containing polymer and one or more crosslinking agents selected from the group consisting of metal alcoholates and boron-containing compounds, and then shaping either simultaneously with or followed by thermal crosslinking.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A process for the production of a matrix preparation, the process comprising mixing, in the presence of a lower alcohol, a hydroxyl group- or carboxyl group-containing polymer and one or more crosslinking agents selected from the group consisting of metal alcoholates and boron-containing compounds, then spreading the mixture on a film ~~so as to carry out shaping,~~ and subsequently thermally crosslinking either simultaneously with or followed by laminating to a support.

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Claim 3 (currently amended): The production process according to ~~either~~ Claim 1 or 2, wherein the crosslinking agent is dissolved in the lower alcohol in advance.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The production process according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3,~~ Claim 1 or 2, wherein the polymer is dissolved in the lower alcohol in advance.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The production process according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4,~~ Claim 1 or 2, wherein the crosslinking functional group is a hydroxyl group, and the crosslinking agent is boric acid.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The production process according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5,~~ Claim 1 or 2, wherein the polymer is an acrylic polymer or a methacrylic polymer.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A matrix preparation produced by the process according to ~~any one of Claims 2 to 6~~ Claim 2.

Claim 8 (original): The matrix preparation according to Claim 7, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive shaped product contains substantially no water.